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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of **David MALONE, Timothy CAHILL, Gabrielle STAFFORD, John FORTUNE and Michael COUGHLAN** for **A MESSAGING SYSTEM**. The application comprises a 31-page specification including 17 claims (2 independent) and Abstract, 5 sheets of drawings, and a Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 sheets).

Accompanying the application for filing is:

Preliminary Amendment to Lessen Fees;

Small Entity Declaration (2 sheets) under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.19 and 1.27; and

Assignment document, cover letter and \$40.00 fee for recordation of Assignment.

A certified copy of **European Patent Office (EP)** Application No. 00650033.4, filed **April 13, 2000**, will be filed in due course, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown:

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A check in the amount of \$395.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee and fee for recordation of Assignment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees set forth in §§1.16 or 1.17 during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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